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Another Herald Victory.

The test vote in the House of Representatives yesterday was a convincing endorsement of the contention of The Washington Herald that the necessity for granting relief from the high cost of living to government employees in the form of higher salaries is imperative.

In voting overwhelmingly for the special rule that will leave the question of higher salaries open to free and unlimited debate and give each member the opportunity to offer the amendment which in his judgment best fits the situation, the House has echoed the sentiment which has been clearly reflected in the committee hearings up to this time.

When the Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads wrote into the postoffice appropriation bill substantial increases for postal clerks and letter carriers, it was the first material endorsement of The Herald's contention that the time had arrived for salary revision upward on the government pay roll.

The action of the Committee on Appropriations in urging 5 and 10 per cent increases for all employees included in the legislative, executive, and judicial bill was a second indication that the members of Congress considered The Herald's demands predicated upon justice. The difference was only in the measure of relief that should be granted.

The fact that the framers of the other great supply bills of the government were almost unanimous in their belief that some standard schedule of graded increase should be included in the salary lists is further ground for the argument that sentiment everywhere favors additional compensation.

As the legislative situation stands at present, the amount of salary increases to be granted will be fixed by the entire House. Representative Fitzgerald had an unhappy task in electing to oppose such consideration, and as chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations he fought stubbornly to sustain the report of his committee. With the opportunity for full debate, there is no reason to feel that the House will do other than grant what it deems fair and adequate in the matter of salary increases. And what it does will be supported by the people of the country, for the feeling is not local that salary schedules fixed years ago are not sufficient to meet current prices.

Cumulative Patriotism.

Probably the most remarkable feature attendant upon Germany's recent offer of peace is the apparent almost unanimous feeling among the allies against accepting terms at this stage of the war. It would seem that after months and months in the trenches, with constant pictures of the horrors of war before them, the people would welcome with open arms most any sort of proposal which promised ultimate peace.

Such, it seems, is not the case, however. In England, France, and Russia the news of the Teutons' offer has met with resentment on all sides. In the shadow of Verdun the French received the news of the tentative proposition by gaining what is probably the greatest victory they have yet attained in that sector. Their smashing onslaught into the German lines was marked with a spirit which seemed inflamed from their indignation at the proposal and its estimated terms.

England, which earlier in the war found recruiting such a problem, seems to have imbued herself with a patriotism which is cumulative in its operation rather than that hectic flush of country love which follows the playing of martial strains and "Tipperary" refrains. The pacifist is out of place in the present order of things and khaki dominates the galleries at each session of the house of commons which promises to bring discussion of the German proposal.

The present war has brought about many shades in the character of men, and patriotism generally accepted to be the spontaneous surge to colors has gained another meaning—it seems to be a steady growth of country love which has been gaining impetus over a period of two years despite the knowledge of war and its horrors.

The answer to the report that Russia has considered the proposal of a separate peace is the announcement from London that for a year the allies of Russia have conceded its right to the possession of Constantinople. To gain this city, the Muscovites have fought a series of wars, engaged in hundreds of diplomatic battles. To give up now would be to give up a dream centuries long, to postpone indefinitely a desire the opportunity for realizing which has never been nearer—Toledo Blade.

Among the eminent British premiers and leading statesmen of our time must be included Herbert H. Asquith, who relinquished his commission on Tuesday from patriotic motives. As on more than one occasion in the past when there were differences in government councils and a crisis arose, he could have remained in office by proposing a compromise, so great is his personal influence among his colleagues, so strong is the faith of the country in his ability, honesty of purpose and self-control. Mr. Asquith tendered his resignation not because his power had been shaken and he must yield to the inevitable, but because he would not engage in a controversy that threatened disaster to the country if differences were not soon composed. It is inconceivable that a British government could conduct the war without the judgment of Herbert Asquith at the council table, and public opinion will no doubt demand that he be retained in the government even if he does not lead—New York Sun.

Seen and Heard

By GEORGE MINER.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Lonely Club has just been founded and its operations should bring out some interesting developments. The reason for this club is the basic one that crowded Broadway is the most lonesome place in the world.

The founder of the club is a certain Mr. Wunder. He is well named when you stop to think of the job he has undertaken, which is no less than the supplying of unattended young women with male escorts and lonesome young men with female companions as so much per hour and all done in a way to which Mrs. Grundy could take no exception. If he can get away with that he is a wonder.

I don't suppose it has occurred to the founder of the Lonely Club that his scheme is open to very serious implications, for Mr. Wunder, you see, is a highly respectable gentleman. He is a religious worker and the secretary of the West Side Young Men's Christian Association.

His idea is that there are lots of young people of both sexes in this city who have no nice young acquaintances and who are lonesome and that it is too bad. Thousands of nice young men, he believes, would like to take nice young girls to the theater, but don't know any to ask. The club is to remedy that. All the young man has to do is to go to the telephone and tell Mr. Wunder all about it. He will supply a nice young girl. The young man must not only pay for her ticket, but also a certain sum an hour for all the time she is with him.

The young man need not worry for fear that she will suddenly light a cigarette or ask for a cocktail or demand to be whirled around in a turkey trot, because she will be certified to by the Young Men's Christian Association, just as grocers certify to the desirability and untaintedness of high-priced eggs. It is not stated whether the girl gets the fee or whether it goes to the Young Men's Christian Association, leaving the nice young girl to be contented with the fact that she has been taken to an entertainment.

Suppose also that a lonely young woman is away from home and mother for the first time in this big and wicked city and just aches to be taken to a dansant, but knows no young men.

Just call up Wunder and tell him about it. He will send her around a perfectly good young man for an escort, to whom she must pay so much an hour for being guided through the dance.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Wunder can pick the sheep from the goats.

Bishop Burch, of the Episcopal Church, has come out in favor of letting the moving picture houses remain open on Sundays, provided the films presented are censored. I can't get that reasoning. Is a reel that is offensive or corrupting when shown on Sunday inoffensive and pure when given on a week day? I always had an idea that evil was evil regardless of time or place and that it was no worse to do wrong on Sunday than on Monday.

"Bill" Sill was in a vaudeville theater the other night while a friend of his was exhibiting a trained ape on the stage. The friend spied him in the audience and thought it a good chance for a little personal touch to his talk, so he said:

"I see that Mr. William Sill, who has selected so many stage attractions, is present. I would like to ask him if he does not consider Pete here one of the best actors he has ever seen?"

"I'll be glad to answer," replied Bill, "if you'll tell me which of you is Pete?"

England, like Russia, is shifting drivers; and for the same reason. The people who are hauling the vehicle are dissatisfied with the driving. The British cabinet shift has two designs: To concentrate the control of the war in fewer hands, and to avoid a general election. These cabinet upsets in England and Russia are the natural back-kick of secrecy. The governments distrust the people, and the people distrust their governments. When this distrust and discontent begins to grow, there is a shift in the cabinet in order to give the appearance of having done something without incurring the day of judgment involved in consulting public opinion by vote.—Boston Globe.

The framers of the Constitution of the United States seem to have made a mistake when they neglected to put into that instrument a provision that would have rendered it more difficult for those in authority from time to time to make changes in the coinage of the country, either in denomination or design. Most of the changes made in the past have been for the worse rather than for the better. Neither the 1-cent piece, the 5-cent piece, nor the 10-cent piece has been improved by recent alterations. Nor is public convenience certain to be advanced now, should the recommendation for a 21-2-cent piece be approved.—Christian Science Monitor.

Army and Navy News

Best Service Column in City.

Additional appropriations of more than \$10,000,000 to supply machine guns for the regular army and the militia during the fiscal year have been sent to Congress by the Secretary of War. The estimates call for \$4,265,000 for machine guns for the regular army and a reserve supply, and \$4,521,000 for machine guns for the National Guard. The appropriations furnish machine guns for individual units as required by the national defense act.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels will approve the recommendation that the \$1,000,000 experimental laboratory for the naval establishment be located at Annapolis, Md., it was learned yesterday.

Hearings on universal military training will begin tomorrow before a subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The subcommittee consists of Senators Chamberlain, of Oregon; Thomas, of Colorado, and Brady, of Idaho.

The American Union Against Militarism has given notice it will send representatives to appear before the committee. Numerous preparedness advocates also are expected to appear. The subcommittee will draft a universal military training bill to lay before the main committee.

Army officers are interested in the recommendation of Brig. Gen. Henry P. McCain, adjutant general of the army, before the House Committee on Military Affairs, to the effect that during the four months ended October 31 last there was a net increase of 2,000 enlisted men in the regular army. At this rate, Gen. McCain said, the enlisted strength of the army will be only 4,000 below the authorized strength at the end of the present fiscal year.

On October 31 last the enlisted strength of the army was 112,000, exclusive of the Philippine Scouts. The authorized strength of the army on that date was 128,000, but the actual shortage was in reality about 19,000 rather than the 26,000 indicated. Gen. McCain made it plain that the shortage of recruits was being greatly complicated by high wages paid for civilian work, especially in munitions factories. Nevertheless, he said, there was every probability that the army would enlist the full quota of troops authorized by the law.

Gen. McCain said there are at present about 91,000 National Guardsmen on the Mexican border as against 145,000 last July.

The paramount need of the Marine Corps, according to the annual report of Maj. Gen. George Barnett, commander of this branch of the military service, is the establishment on each coast of a large Marine Corps post where expeditionary forces may be trained. The provision was made by Congress at the last session," says the report, "to provide barracks in which to house the additional men or to provide maneuver fields on which to train them. The proposed development of these yards will require all available space therein for the industrial establishments, leaving no room for the enlargement of Marine Corps plants, except at Philadelphia, which has been made the permanent station of the advance base fixed defense force, and at Mare Island, where the Marine Corps west coast recruit training station is located.

"Preparation for war demands that training in peace should approximate as closely as possible to war conditions and that a military force should be so organized and equipped as to be constantly in immediate readiness for war service. Furthermore, it is essential in the interests of war efficiency that officers should be given the opportunity to command in time of peace the organizations which they would be required to command in time of war. A brigadier general or a colonel, for instance, can not command a brigade or a regiment efficiently in time of war unless he has commanded the unit mentioned in time of peace."

ARMY ORDERS.

Second Lieut. James F. Jeffords, resigned. First Lieut. Joe L. Baker, resigned. Second Lieut. Robert McR. Biddle, resigned. First Lieut. John L. Miles, resigned. First Lieut. George H. Bartholomew, resigned. First Lieut. Lester E. Jones, resigned. Maj. Daniel W. Rogers, resigned. Col. Daniel E. McCarthy, leave nine days. First Lieut. Ernest E. Saxton, resigned.

NAVAL ORDERS.

ORDERS TO OFFICERS. Commander C. P. Preston, to command Coast Torpedo Force, Pacific Fleet and Midway. Lieut. C. Belmont, Jr., to Navy Department. Lieut. (junior grade) R. R. Thompson, to Pulson, January 2. Lieut. (junior grade) G. B. Stockland, to Naval Academy Station, Pensacola, Fla. Lieut. (junior grade) J. S. Hulings, to treatment, Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C. Ensign H. O. Toney, to Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va. Ensign G. L. Graves, to Pulson, January 2, 1917. Ensign J. D. Edwards, to Montana. Passed Assistant Surgeon W. H. Short, to home and wait orders. Passed Assistant Surgeon J. O. Downey, to Oregon. Assistant Surgeon J. H. Durvett, to Naval Recruiting Station, New Orleans, La., January 2, 1917. Assistant Surgeon E. C. Carr, M. R. O., to Naval Recruiting Station, Nashville, Tenn. Chaplain L. N. Taylor, to Pittsburgh, January 15, 1917.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Buffalo sailed from Port Maitland, December 14; Dolphin, arrived at Washington, December 15; Hancock, sailed from Port De Paris for Guantanamo, December 15; Mayflower, arrived at Washington, December 15; Pennsylvania, arrived at Guantanamo, December 15; Pennsylvania, arrived at New York, December 15; Solace, arrived at Tompkinsville, December 15.

Today's Events

Lecture, "Second Book of Acts Translated From the Sanskrit," Mrs. Caroline Foote Marsh, Portland Hotel, 8 p. m. Address, "The Coming of the Kingdom," Prof. Stanwood Cole before Rabal Assembly of Washington, Studio Hall, 1219 Connecticut avenue northwest, 8 p. m. Free thinkers, "Charles Bradlaugh, the Great English Freethinker," George W. B. Waters, of Washington Secular League, Plymouth Temple, 3 p. m. Memorial services for Mrs. Clara Bowick, Colby, chapel of the Unitarian Church, Fourteenth and L streets northwest, 4 to 5 p. m. Headquarters of the Susan B. Anthony room in Suffrage Association, 1628 Rhode Island avenue northwest, 120 p. m. Address, "Gentiana Whites," Miss Ida Hartford, at seaper services, Y. W. C. A., 4:30 p. m. Christian Science lecture, Virgil O. Strickler, X. S. of New York, Folly's Theater, 3 p. m. Lecture, "Why Do Nations War," J. F. Rutherford, New National Theater, 3 p. m. Exhibition, W. A. Clark, print paintings, Corcoran Art Gallery, 10:30 p. m. Concert, Ahavas Zion Society, 1265 Sixth street northwest, 8 p. m. "Wanderlust" hike, starts at Riverside at 3 p. m. Concert, Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, Stanley Hall, 8:30 p. m. AMUSEMENTS. National—Burton Holmes, 8:30 p. m. E. F. Keith—Vandewater, 3 and 8:15 p. m. Folie—"Step Lively," 8:15 p. m. Gayety—Burlesque, 3 and 8:15 p. m. Lyceum—Burlesque, 3 and 8:15 p. m. Lee's Columbia—Photoplays, 3 to 10:30 p. m. Garden—Photoplays, 3 to 10:30 p. m. Strand—Photoplays, 3 to 10:30 p. m. COMMISSIONER WILL SPEAK. Commissioner Oliver P. Newman will speak before the League of American Penwomen at the Raleigh Hotel Wednesday night. Aged Woman Dies Suddenly. Admonia Drew, 60 years old, died suddenly at her home, 718 Tenth street northwest, yesterday.

THE OPEN FORUM.

LUCK AND HEREDITY.

"Wilkes" Comments on Editorial About Francis Joseph.

Editor of The Washington Herald: Your editorial in a recent issue—Empire Francis Joseph and the Luck Myth—is certainly of interest, being as valuable to human races as a well-delivered sermon. I hope it may draw the attention and replies from scientific men and clergymen of all denominations.

The writer's impression is as follows: There are no such conditions as good and bad luck, unless you consider a child born deformed or one perfect. The children born deformed mentally or physically are the victims mostly of parental influences.

Some good and bad effects are inherited, as the Bible states, from the third and fourth generation. I have had persons state that bad and good results in children are the direct courses decreed by the Creator. I would not believe it or ever shall.

The same care and selection should be made in child birth as in the animal kingdom, in a proper selection of the male and female.

Think of a couple under twenty-five physically and mentally hot in proper condition producing an offspring. Would you consider it good or bad luck? All nonsense! It is strictly in violation of the law of God. WILKES.

Washington, December 12.

RAPS PROHIBITION MOVE.

Correspondent Points Out Evils of Law Made Prohibition.

Editor The Washington Herald—A recent newspaper article says: "On Moral Questions Mr. Bryan is always sound." True, and I have drawn more sound from Bryan supporters. But the main position is impregnable. There are still some people who believe in the Bible, notwithstanding these political perverters. Ministers of the Gospel will bear out my statement that "temperance is the established Christian moral law."

The great mass of the people are living in temperance according to Divine law. When the conscience of the nation is aroused it will seem that the political prohibitionists are leading us away from the true and safe path, and fostering on us a law which is immoral and revolting to our sense of right and justice; with the result that, in the name of a false morality, we are daily inflicting savage penalties on those who

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REGULATE AUTO TRUCK SPEED. Editor, The Washington Herald: Don't you think it about time that automobiles give them the privilege of driving at the rate of twelve miles an hour? As I see them they travel at the rate of twenty-five miles or more. Lives are endangered. A PEDESTRIAN.

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